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WORLD CUP BEGINS

— From Andrew Dettre in Argentina —

After four years of controversy, the World Cup is ready to explode into magnificent action on Thursday with a predictably spectacular fiesta, followed by the West Germany-Poland opening clash in the River Plate Stadium.

As the last minutes tick by, Argentina is gradually firming in to favoritism ahead of Brazil, Holland and Germany, with others at generous odds.

Argentine coach Luis Menotti says his team will produce a soccer renaissance with attractive intelligent play.

"It's been shown that we never win when we mix it with Europeans and our only hope is to play our own style," Menotti said.

Brazil, too, confidently predict spectacular attacking football though coach Coutinho fears Europeans will play cautiously.

Holland's prospects have suffered through the sudden withdrawal of veteran Van Hanegem and stopper Hovenkamp.

Van Hanegem refused to fly to Buenos Aires because coach Ernst Happel declined to guarantee a firm spot in the first team while Hovenkamp was injured at last training session.

General opinion here is that it stopper Piazza was available for selection, Argentina, would be clear-cut favorites for the title. However, Piazza is in France with his wife and daughter who were hurt in a recent car smash.

Argentine pressmen are worried about their team's defense where only Passarella is proven class.

However, the rest of the team is bristling with class. In midfield, Alonso and Ardiles, in attack Houseman and Kempes carry the hopes of Argentina.

Argentina's chance of qualifying for the second round has increased sharply through adversity of group rivals.

The French camp is depressed over an attempt earlier this week by radicals to kidnap coach Michael Hidaigo and further threats to the safety of players.

Italians openly admit that their team is tired after an arduous season and key players Antognoni Bettiga and Graziani are far from their best form.

Third group rivals Hungary arrived Monday as the last of 16 teams with their tail well between their legs after a shattering 1-4 defeat in London.

It seems the highly regarded Hungarian defence is too brittle, and only striker Andras Torocsik rescued their reputation.

The superb River Plate Stadium is ready for the opening and the re-laid turf looks a bright emerald green.

Much to the chagrin of other teams, Argentina has trained

several times in the stadium while others use suburban and minor venues. Clearly, the hosts want to make every post a winner in an attempt to win Mundial, their first ever.

And having spent some \$600 million on cup facilities and gone out of their way to put on a first class show, one is tempted to say good luck to them.

Brazil star rated as a liability

Rivelino, the highest rated Brazilian star, has been described as a liability for their team by influential Rial TV station O Globo.

Reporter Augusto Nogueira said Rivelino, captain of Brazil, is in the team only because Coutinho has no guts to drop him.

"If Rivelino wasn't selected and Brazil lost, Coutinho would have to seek asylum in another country," he said.

"Coutinho is an intelligent and responsible coach but, like all others, plays safe with selection and wouldn't antagonise public opinion.

"But he knows that Rivelino is over the hill and lacks ability to control the midfield.

"Coutinho should pick Leao, Ze Maria, Amaral, Oscar, Edinho, Baptista, Cerezo, Gil, Reinaldo and Dircou among his team, but he won't and Rivelino will bring the team down just like the old Garrincha, Bellini and Santos did in 1966."

The Brazilian reporter, like everybody else here, tips Argentina, Brazil, Germany and Holland to reach the last four.

Somewhat surprisingly he tips Hungary as dark horses despite their 1-4 defeat against England last week.

Meanwhile there is trouble in the Polish camp. Manager Gmoch confirmed reports that two players had been punished for excessive drinking, but wouldn't name them.

In recent years stopper Gorgon and Goalie Tomaszewski

earned several suspensions for alcoholic escapades.

Gmoch said he worked out a new strategy for the Polish team as the world in 1974 had become familiar with old tactics.

"I also had to take into account that the Cup will be held in South America under difficult conditions for us.

"Europeans won't dominate the series with superior physical conditioning as in 1974," Gmoch said.

"South Americans are just as well prepared physically as we are.

"For Poland the first match against West Germany will be a vital test. Four years ago in Frankfurt we lost narrowly on a waterlogged pitch and because we ran out of condition.

"This won't happen again and I'm confident Poland will win against the current world champions."

West Germany will field an attacking team for the opening match against Poland on Friday morning (Sydney time).

Manager Helmut Schoen said West Germany couldn't afford defeat in the opening match as the possible loss of a point could lead to early elimination.

Germany's likely team is: Maier, Vogts, Russman, Kaltz, Zimmermann, Bonhof, Flohe, H. Mueller, Abramczyk, Fischer and D. Mueller.

So they will have two Muellers in the team — but Schoen would gladly exchange them for a third, the absent Gerd Mueller, once nicknamed as the bomber of the nation.

Hungarian manager Lajos Baroti said on his team's arrival that their London loss should fortify the team for the stiff tasks ahead and he was not gloomy about the affair.

Baroti was more worried about the injury to left striker Varady who was hurt in a German training camp on artificial turf and is unlikely to play against Argentina on Friday.

Hungarian journalists travelling with the team gave a more realistic appraisal of the London fiasco and said Hungary could have lost by a bigger margin but for the goalkeeping of Gujdar.



Roberto Riverlino, the Brazilian veteran of three World Cups, takes time off to delight the sidewalk crowd with his ability to control the ball as team-mate Jose Polozi watches.

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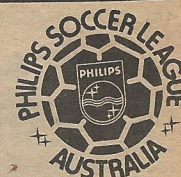
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PHILIPS LEAGUE SCOREBOARD



Sth. Melbourne

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SOUTH MELBOURNE: Reilly 5, Pye 3, Kafatidis 3, Christopoulos 3, Hatzimanouil 3, Baxter 5, Wright 4, Rogers 3, Campbell 5, Ollerton 3, Kent 3.

Referee: T. Bisley. Crowd: 3500. Caution: Cant.

Nobody can like Canberra can, as the draw specialists held South Melbourne to a scoreless draw. Soaking up a lot of pressure in the first half Canberra resisted superbly, with Tony Henderson and John Brown holding the defence together. Marinello initiated the visitor's attacks, with numerous runs at defenders before unleashing several shots that Jack Reilly did well to save. South Melbourne relied mainly on fast attacks off of defence to catch Canberra napping. Ollerton could have given his side the lead half way into the first period had he not missed a long cross from Sammy Wright. While Reilly was in fine form in South's goal, Ron Tilsed was just

Canberra City

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CANBERRA CITY: Tilsed 4, Moulis 4, Marinello 5, Henderson 5, Heywood 3, Parker 3, Hogg 3, Gruicic 4, Starke 3, Cant 3, Brown 5.

as active and effective at the other end, and two minutes from half time denied Christopoulos' priedriver, pushing the shot away from the low right corner. South Melbourne looked more intent upon attacking in the second period, but it was Canberra which gained control of midfield and had more use of the ball. Gruicic was unlucky when his fine shot beat Reilly, yet cracked harmlessly onto the crossbar. Then in the final minute, Tilsed was penalised for taking extra steps, but George Campbell blasted the ensuing freekick over the bar, much to the chagrin of the good sized crowd.

— C. NICOLOPOULOS

Easts Hakoah

5 (2)

ES HAKOAH: Clarke 4, Mullen 6, Thomson 3, O'Connor 5, Mowbray 4, Stevenson 3, Watson 5, Barnes 4, Trenter 4, Souness 3, Silva 5.

Goals: 1-0 Watson (21m), 2-0 Trenter (42m), 3-0 Watson (47m), 4-0 Silva (55m), 5-0 D. Allan (85m, own goal). Referee: T. Davies. Crowd: 5928. Caution: Trenter.

Hakoah out the meaning back into "blitzkrieg" as they all but wiped Olympic off Wentworth Park before 6000 dismayed Greek fans. Pleasingly, though, these fans only showed their dismay in vocal terms, for when Hakoah went into a four-nil lead a tremendous booring rolled around the ground as if to signal general displeasure with the team. Hakoah were very nearly back to their championship form of last year, playing with such conviction along the wings that it seemed nothing could stop them. Mullen was in brilliant form, overlapping with Watson, pushing up in midfield, and

Syd. Olympic

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OLYMPIC: Meier 3, Luckett 2, Palmer 2, Markland 3, Bell 3, Stravopodis 3 (Wilson: 64m), Laing 3 (Ainslie: 45m), Allan 3, Pirie 2, Davourlis 3, Cross 3.

cutting out any rare Olympic attacks. Watson also was in fine form, while Steve O'Connor blotted Pirie totally out of contention. However, the one thing that Hakoah still lacks is a middle man; a Terry Smith. With him back in the side they could be a great threat to Marconi. After Hakoah's first goal Olympic seemed to wilt, yet managed to hit back a few times. But when Trenter scored the second, Olympic looked a beaten side, and the three second half goals were just the act of burying the sword up to the hilt.

— S. DETTRE

West. Suburbs

2 (0)

WESTS: Lachowicz 3, Skellern 3, Ankudinoff 3, Rowden 3, Turnbull 4, Harding 4, Stone 3, O'Donnell 3, Scott 3 (Fischer: 84m), Eaton 3, Vernon 4.

Goals: 1-0 Vernon (52m), 1-1 Morgan (55m), 2-1 Vernon (78m).

Referee: R. Lorenc. Crowd: 5928. Cautions: Rowden, Hensman.

Luck totally deserted St. George against Wests as "Uncle" Joe Vlasits saw his new charges play some exciting football yet miss too many chances to have any real hope of winning. To say that Saints dominated over 80 minutes of the match wouldn't be too much of an exaggeration, but in this time they could only score one goal. Phil O'Connor played brilliantly on the wing, tormenting Ankudinoff with twisting, lightning fast runs. However, it was a big however on the day, for all O'Connor's magic, he had nobody in the middle to poke home his crosses; no Denton, no Alston, no

St. George

1 (0)

ST. GEORGE: Coe 3, M. O'Shea 4, Grosse 4, Morgan 4, Harris 3, J. O'Shea 3, Mendez 3, Gnani 4, Jones 4, Henderson 2, O'Connor 6.

Abonyi. As a result all of Saint's fine build ups came to grief in the penalty area against a well organised Wests defence. In fact, Saint's lack of a serious central striker threat was illustrated superbly by the fact that Turnbull was able to roam upfield on numerous occasions to help his own team's attack without too much fear of Saints breaking away. The first two goals came very quickly in the second period, with Morgan's effort being a gem, whilst Vernon's winner was a late break away type goal which killed any spirit left in St. George.

— S. DETTRE

Brisbane City

0 (0)

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 3, Rathmell 3, Perry 4, Tokesi 4, Kibbey 3, Gaffney 4, Fagan 3 (Pimblett: 75m), Johnson 2, Echeverria 3 (Connor: 65m), Marley 4, Coyne 4.

Goals: 0-1 Spearrit (47m). Referee: J. Reeves. Crowd: 5500. Cautions: Gaffney, Spearrit.

This was the unusual, a local derby that did not live up to its name. Lions had made a few positional changes, bringing Morris deeper into midfield and using Ontong on the wing. City, fresh from their great Newcastle win had to make changes, bringing in Rathmell and Echeverria for the suspended Iozzeili and Caldwell. The match started with Lions showing why they are up in the top positions of the League, pushing the ball around confidently, patiently and with not a little skill and immediately it was evident they had marked down Marley as the man to watch for Hermiston or Bennett were never too far from the little striker's elbow. For twenty minutes Lions were the better side but gradually City forced

Brisbane Lions

1 (0)

BRISBANE LIONS: Lownds 4, Wilson 4, Hermiston 5, Bennett 5, Potter 4, Hughes 3, Spearrit 4 (Neale: 85m), Morris 3, Lasio 3, Fairbrother 4, Ontong 4.

themselves into the game, none working harder than Gaffney who was like a trojan in the middle. Tokesi was also having a great tussle with the forceful Fairbrother. Lions came back into the game just before the break and continued after the restart when Spearrit speculated with a longish drive which looked to be going over until it dipped behind the unsuspecting Wishart. A goal is all this Lions team needs now and they immediately tightened their play, but with the appearance of Connor City put on one of their famous lightbacks. Very late in the game Lownds was seen to kiss the post after Connor had crashed a 30 metre drive against the iron.

— J. BINNIE

Newcastle

2 (1)

NEWCASTLE UNITED: Dando 3, Willis 3, Summerscales 4, Drinkwater 3, Curran 4, Mason 3, Johnston 3, Hardses 3 (Tredinnick: 58m), Galpin 3, Boden 4, Mountford 3.

Goals: 1-0 Boden (8m), 1-1 Mason, own goal (15m), 1-2 Gaffney (51m), 2-2 Curran (75m), 2-3 Coyne (83m). Referee: B. Fowler. Crowd: 6208. Cautions: All Brisbane players except Wishart and Johnson. Newcastle: Willis. Sent off: Caldwell, Iozzeili.

Newcastle United players must have thought they had suffered a nightmare — but it was indeed stark reality. Beaten by a team reduced to nine men following the dismissals of Caldwell and Iozzeili was a shock to Newcastle's big and faithful following. Played before a large midweek crowd of over 6000, the game deteriorated as a spectacle following many bookings by referee Brian Fowler. Despite the spate of cautions, there appeared nothing vicious or spiteful about the game. Kevin Caldwell and Sauro Iozzeili received their marching orders yet at no time during the second half did Newcastle appear to have a surfeit of players. Newcastle's tactics during this spell were difficult to analyse.

Brisbane City

3 (1)

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 3, Iozzeili 1 (sent off), Perry 5, Tokesi 5, Kibbey 3, Fagan 3, Johnson 4 (Pimblett: 70m), Gaffney 6, Caldwell 1 (sent off), Marney 3, Coyne 4.

Coach Alan Vest's halftime instructions were immediately forsaken once the players took the field in the second period. The teams had fought an even first half with goals by Ken Boden and Newcastle's Craig Mason obliging with a gift "own goal". Six minutes after the break, Brisbane City were in front. The local defence was torn apart by a high floating cross from John Coyne and Gaffney applied the finishing touch. Gaffney was the most accomplished midfielder player on the field, outshining young Middlesbrough starlet Craig Johnston. Iozzeili was next to be ordered off and the crowd was ready to cheer their local heroes on to their first "home" victory. But they had overlooked the remarkable fighting spirit of Steve Perry and his Brisbane team mates. When John Coyne raced through some half hearted tackles to score with a riposting 20 metre drive even the Newcastle supporters had to admire the visitors' courage in such adversity.

— M. HAY

Adelaide City

1 (0)

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 4, B. Nyskohus 4, Yung 4, Besir 3, Lister 4 (Muir: 60m), Perin 4, McCluskey 4, Fyfe 5, Kosmina 2 (Northcote: 60m), J. Nyskohus 4, Marconi 4.

Goals: 0-1 Reynolds (9m), 0-2 Norris (54m), 1-2 Marocchi (61m). Referee: J. Dixon (Victoria). Crowd: 11,734. Cautions: McCluskey, Reynolds.

West Adelaide created a slice of soccer history with this first ever Philips League win over Adelaide City. The blue and white's also showed further promise of living right up to our suggested pre-season catch-phrase, WATCH WESTAD. West put it all together for the fourth successive week to grab eight points in a glorious "month" of victories. One had to feel sorry for Les Scheinflug and his newly acquired City team, because no side which plays as well as they did, deserves to be beaten. West captain Neil McGachey set the standard with an inspired performance. He was well supported by his fellow midfielders, Peter Boyle and Graham Honeyman, while big David Pillans, in his role as target man, consistently made scoring chances for his supporting strikers, Graham Norris and Ian McGregor. City held sway for lengthy periods, but with John Kosmina well marked by David Jones, could not match West's penetrative ability. Then when City did fire on target

West Adelaide

2 (1)

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 5, Tymoczyszyn 4, Reynolds 4, McGachey 5, Kampas 4, Jones 4, Boyle 4, Pillans 4, Norris 4, Honeyman 4, McGregor 3 (Bozanic: 67m).

West goalkeeper Martyn Crook made three world class saves from Gary Marocchi and Graham Fyfe in the first half and from Brian Northcote in the second term. Australian international Kosmina was taken off by new City coach Les Scheinflug thirty minutes from full-time. West grabbed goals in the ninth minute of each half with fullback Barry Reynolds netting the first from a full-blooded volley which cannoned off the far post before spinning into the net. Norris scored the second after Honeyman had floated a cross from the right wing to Pillans who nodded the ball neatly to past Peter Marshall in the City goal. City pegged back a goal a minute after it has made its two changes when Marocchi rifled in a powerful drive from 30 metres. City staged a concerted bid to notch an equaliser as the hard-running West team began to tire in the closing stages, but West's uncompromising defence held firm.

— A. CRISP

Marconi

4 (1)

MARCONI: Maher 4, Degney 4, Russell 3, Prskajko 3, Richards 4, Vieri 4, Rooney 3, Mariani 4, Sharne 4, Williams 3, Brogan 3.

Goals: 0-1 Galpin (4m), 1-1 Mariani (18m), 1-2 Galpin (50m), 2-2 Sharne (63m), 3-2 Drinkwater (75m), 4-2 Sharne (86m). Referee: D. Rennie. Crowd: 8963. Cautions: Nil.

Another classical own goal by Newcastle captain Roy Drinkwater took the edge off Newcastle KBs fight against competition leaders Marconi at Marconi Oval. Up to then, Newcastle were fighting a winning battle as they twice took the lead against the leaders, forcing them to fight back to equalise. But after this goal, which put Marconi in the lead for the first time during the game, the Newcastle defence collapsed and Marconi took control, scoring another goal for a comfortable win. Despite the score, Marconi never looked the position they hold on the ladder. Mick

Newcastle

2 (2)

NEWCASTLE: Dando 4, Willis 4, Drinkwater 3, Curran 4, Hardses 4, Mason 3, Johnston 3, Boden 4, Galpin 4, Sneddon 3 (Tredinnick: 80m).

Galpin and Kenny Bowden continually harassed the Marconi defence and spelled danger when they were in possession. On the other hand Marconi lacked the usual fire up front and it was Peter Sharne's sheer speed which beat the Newcastle defence on the two occasions they had to fight back and get on level terms. Only in the last ten minutes, when the heart of Newcastle was ripped out by that own goal, did Marconi show signs of a champion team.

— CHARLES SPITERI

PSL MEETING

Top bracket referees will receive greater opportunities when the PSL takes over appointments from the ASRF appointments board.

When the appointments board listed 21 officials on the 1978 list the PSL requested them to add another twelve.

This is the reason for the dilution of standards, and the reason why a handful of matches have ended in near chaos.

And clubs who plan properly may not be greatly disadvantaged by the proposed Philips League embargo on the arrival of guest players after May 1 next season.

Philips League clubs will still be able to sign on players who genuinely wish to settle in Australia.

The League's Council of Clubs meets on Queen's Birthday in Sydney and this subject will figure prominently on the agenda.

Procedures on crowd control will also come under review, and in this connection it is of value to point out that much of the United States expansion revolves around interesting the family unit in the sport.

COACHES IN BIG WHIRL

It is simply not good enough to have seven out of fourteen PSL clubs changing coach before the halfway mark in the season.

Following Jim Adam's appointment to West Adelaide, Les Scheinflug has moved into the Adelaide City hot seat and Joe Vlasits joined St. George last Thursday.

There will always be some movements amongst managers and coaches but clubs must face

up to their responsibilities in long term planning.

How can Australian youth be developed if coaches change at breakneck speed?

Only Raie Rasic (Marconi), Gerry Chaidi (Easts-Hakoah), Dave MacIaren (South Melbourne), Cedo Cirkovic (Footscray), John Warren (Canberra City), Alan Vest (Newcastle United) and Mike Laing (Western Suburbs) have retained their positions.

"Uncle Joe" Vlasits will concentrate on his other post as NSW Director of Coaching as soon as St. George make a long term appointment.

Changes to date: Adelaide City (Edmund Kreft to Les Scheinflug), Brisbane City (Luciano Nesti to Dennis Ford), Brisbane Lions (Brian Daykin to Julius Vincze), Fitzroy (Tony Boggi to John Margaritis), St. George (Ilija Takacs to Joe Vlasits), Sydney Olympic (Tom Anderson to George Gibson), and West Adelaide (John Margaritis to Jim Adam).

— K. Gilmour.

TOP SCORERS

JANKOVICS (Marconi)	8
C. EATON (Wests)	8
OLLERTON (Sth. Melb.)	7
COLE (Fitzroy)	7
O'CONNOR (St. George)	6
VIERI (Marconi)	6
GRUICIC (Canberra)	6
FISCHER (Wests)	5
HUGHES (Lions)	5
BODEN (Newcastle)	5
MARLEY (Br. City)	5
SHARNE (Marconi)	5

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PHILIPS LEAGUE TABLE

In brackets: Last week's placings	AGGREGATE							HOME							AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
1 (1) MARCONI	13	9	4	—	31	9	22	7	6	1	—	22	8	13	6	3	3	—	9	1	9
2 (2) WEST ADELAIDE	13	7	2	4	19	16	16	6	3	—	3	11	10	6	7	4	2	1	8	6	10
3 (3) EASTS HAKOAH	13	6	3	4	27	15	15	7	3	2	2	12	6	8	6	3	1	2	15	9	7
4 (4) SOUTH MELBOURNE ..	13	4	6	3	14	12	14	7	2	3	2	7	7	7	6	2	3	1	7	5	7
5 (5) BRISBANE LIONS	12	4	6	2	18	17	14	5	1	3	1	6	7	5	7	3	3	1	12	10	9
6 (6) WESTERN SUBURBS ..	13	5	4	4	23	23	14	7	3	3	1	12	9	9	6	2	1	3	11	14	5
7 (7) FITZROY	13	4	5	4	16	19	13	6	3	2	1	8	5	8	7	1	3	3	8	14	5
8 (9) BRISBANE CITY	13	6	—	7	16	19	12	7	4	—	3	9	8	8	6	2	—	4	7	11	4
9 (10) CANBERRA CITY	13	1	9	3	15	19	11	7	—	7	—	10	10	7	6	1	2	3	5	9	4
10 (11) ADELAIDE CITY	13	3	4	6	15	20	10	7	2	2	3	8	8	6	6	1	2	3	7	12	4
11 (12) FOOTSCRAY	12	3	4	5	9	14	10	6	1	1	4	4	8	3	6	2	3	1	5	6	7
12 (13) NEWCASTLE	13	2	6	5	18	26	10	6	—	3	3	8	13	3	7	2	3	2	10	13	7
13 (8) OLYMPIC	13	3	4	6	14	22	10	6	1	2	3	7	9	4	7	2	2	3	7	13	6
14 (14) ST. GEORGE	13	4	1	8	15	19	9	6	3	—	3	9	9	6	7	1	1	5	6	10	3



PHILIPS LEAGUE '78

FITZROY WILL TEST RUNAWAY LEADERS

By S. DETTRE

The match of the round will undoubtedly be Fitzroy-Marconi in which the team unbeaten in its last six outings faces the team unbeaten in its last 13 appearances.

Rasic's near invincible machine turned on the football last week to shrug aside, albeit with some difficulty, the challenge of Newcastle.

This week they face a totally rejuvenated Fitzroy who could well be the first team to come close and topple Marconi.

However, if ever it was thought that Marconi would begin to wilt under the strain of being unbeaten, they proved to their massive following that Rale Rasic has not allowed his team to become complacent.

They had to fight back twice against Newcastle from behind, and this kind of spirit could lead to a fascinating battle, probably before a good crowd.

A Marconi victory, by a narrow margin is my tip.

Another interesting match will be the contest between Lions and Hakoah, both of whom are fighting for positions in the top four.

Hakoah are almost back to their best form of last year, illustrated by a fine victory last week over a very easily demoralised Olympic.

Kevin Mullen is playing in exceptional form, as are Silva and Watson, so Lions' defence could be in for a torrid time.

However, Lions' position in fifth spot is no accident, for they have worked their way up to that position relying on an industrious midfield of Spearitt, Lasio and Neale.

It's hard to see Lions matching Hakoah's firepower, so a Sydney win is tipped here.

Newcastle will be determined to win in front of their home fans this week, as the most they have given their loyal followers so far are three draws.

Last week United caused Marconi all sorts of bother, but couldn't withstand the concentrated attacks of the second

period and went down gradually. Against Wests they may have a better chance, for although Wests won last week they were extremely lucky, being outplayed by Saints, yet stealing a late winner against the run of play.

The whole Wests front line was strangely inactive, with John Vernon being the only contributor, scoring both goals.

Newcastle will no doubt be looking for Ian Boden to score goals, while Craig Mason is an up and coming player who has the ability to score match winners.

This game could produce what Newcastle has dreamed of: a home win.

The Footscray-Brisbane City match sees two of last week's losers in combat to try and regain some of the ground they lost.

Brisbane City picked up a couple of valuable points however, on the previous Wednesday when they defeated Newcastle in Newcastle, so they are still within striking distance of the top four.

They have been rather inconsistent this season, ranging from inspired football to just plain rubbish, and it is near impossible to tell what mood the players will be in on the day.

However, against Footscray they should pick up both points,

for the Melbourne boys have been in a bad slump recently and are sure to be in the doldrums, while City will be determined not to let Lions get too far ahead of them on the table.

The clash between Olympic and South Melbourne could well be described as between two dethroned giants.

Barely a few weeks ago both teams were riding on the crest of success, with Olympic finally winning matches, and South Melbourne second in the table.

Now neither have won in several league outings and Souths have slipped to fourth while Olympic plummeted down the table to 13th following a dismal performance against Hakoah last week.

Melbourne's draw against Canberra was one for their worst games this year. They lacked punch up front, even though they had both Ollerton and the "white Pele," George Campbell.

It could also be said that Souths are chasing Canberra's draw record, for the Melbourneites now have six draws from 13 games.

Olympic caved in after Hakoah's second goal and showed little bit throughout, with Pirie being continually shadowed.

The result here could be a draw, with neither side willing to

risk the dropping of too many more points.

St George take on the high flying Westad this week and on results of the past few weeks another Westad win is on the cards.

However, Saints are beginning to play some creative football at long last, but just how long they will be willing to do so at the expense of losing matches because they have no middle striker, is anyone's guess.

Westad have been barnstorming their way into the top echelons in the past month with a series of outstanding wins, but no doubt the one that gave them the most pleasure was last week's against arch rivals Adelaide City.

The most formidable players in Westad are striker McGregor and defender Reynolds who have been the driving force in the side this season, and Saints will have to watch them closely if they are to avoid yet another defeat.

Dare we predict a draw for the Adelaide City-Canberra City match? Canberra continued to astound their critics and frustrate their fans last week with yet another draw to add to their growing list.

Marinello has undoubtedly added some bite to Canberra's at-

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THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

Br. Lions v ES Hakoah Perry Park, 8pm
N'castle v West. Subs. Int. Sp. Cent., 2.30pm
Footscray v Br. City Schintler Res., 3pm

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

Fitzroy v Marconi Olympic Park, 3pm
Syd. Olymp. v Sth. Melb Erskineville, 3pm
St. George v West Adel. Barton Park, 3pm
Adel. City v Canberra Olympic Sp. Fld., 2.30pm

MONDAY, JUNE 5

Bris. Lions v Footscray Perry Park, 3pm

NEXT WEEK

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

Sth. Melb. v St. George Middle Park, 3pm
Footscray v Adel. City Schintler Res., 3pm

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

Marconi v Bris. Lions Bossley Park, 3pm
ES Hakoah v N'castle Wentworth Pk., 1pm
West. Subs. v Syd. Olym. Wentworth Pk., 3pm
Bris. City v Fitzroy Perry Park, 3pm
West. Adel. v Canberra Hindmarsh, 2.30pm

tack, but lady luck continues to deny the team from the capital, and against South Melbourne several chances went begging.

Adelaide City are another team in the doldrums at present, having lost their past two matches, being unable to get a settled side, and also having lost

their talented coach Edmund Kreft.

Admittedly Les Scheinflug is also talented, but it will be several weeks before he can hope to have an effect on his team's performances, and in that time Adelaide could well slip some more places.

Cumbrians stage great league start

Cumberland United, unbeaten after seven Rothmans League rounds, are heading for their first major league championship.

The "Cumbrians" are three points clear of Croatia who have shrugged off a lethargic start to become a real title threat.

Cumberland's deserved success has been achieved with a balanced blend of experience and youth which has been expertly guided by coaches Dennis Harlow and Denis Grant.

Harlow and Grant are both

cautiously optimistic about their chances this season.

"We've started well in other seasons and fallen in a hole. The lads know that there's a long way to go before the celebrations can start," said Grant.

Reigning champions Polonia are the enigma of the league this year. After seven rounds Polonia are in ninth place and showing no immediate signs of a recovery.

Tailenders Beograd, on the other hand, have begun a telling resurgence which should soon see them climb the ladder in a dramatic fashion.

FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cumberland Utd.	5	2	—	12	5	12
Croatia	4	1	2	15	7	9
Enfield Vic.	2	3	2	11	10	7
E.D. Azzurri	3	1	3	9	7	7
Elizabeth City	2	3	2	5	5	7
U.S.C. Lion	2	3	2	8	9	7
Para Hills	3	1	3	8	10	7
Noarlunga Utd.	2	2	3	10	12	6
Polonia Adel.	2	1	4	9	15	5
Beograd W'ville	1	1	5	7	14	3

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Port	6	1	—	23	3	13
Campbelltown	5	2	—	13	6	12
Westfields	4	3	—	15	7	11
Birkalla	4	1	2	13	8	9
Orange Sturt	3	2	2	10	9	8
Windsor	2	2	3	5	8	6
Modbury	2	1	4	9	11	5
Don Utd.	1	—	6	8	16	2
Salisbury	1	—	6	4	14	2
Sth Adelaide	1	—	6	1	19	2

THIRD DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Adelaide City	6	—	—	22	5	12
West Torrens	4	—	2	14	9	8
Noarlunga City	3	1	1	11	8	7
West Adelaide	3	—	2	20	10	6
SAIT	1	1	3	4	8	3
Adel. University	1	1	3	6	14	3
Flinders Uni.	1	1	4	5	14	3
Brighton City	1	—	5	7	21	2

CUP DRAWS — 2nd ROUND June 5, 1978 (Queens Birthday)

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E.D. Azzurri v Croatia, Adey Reserve; Para Hills v West Torrens, The Paddocks; Noarlunga United v Polonia Adelaide, Wilf Taylor Reserve; Adelaide City v Salisbury United, Olympic Sports Field; Adelaide University v SAIT, University Oval; Cumberland United v Beograd Woodville, Bailey Reserve; Campbelltown Budapest v Elizabeth City, Newton Sports Ground; Enfield Victoria v USC Lion, Rushworth Reserve.

Vic's quick kicks

Deposed Adelaide City coach Edmund Kreft named one non-Philips League player in his SA side to play touring Scottish team Dundee at Hindmarsh Stadium tonight (Wednesday, May 31).

Beograd mid-fielder John Karmleitner joins eight Adelaide City players and six West Adelaide men in the 15-man squad to meet the Scots.

Notable omissions from the squad are Garry Marocchi, who was recently selected to play for Australia against Greece in the full A class international to be staged in Adelaide on June 14, former State team captain Frank Lister and Brazilian ace Agenor Muniz.

The SA squad is: Crook, Reynolds, Jones, Kampaas, Boyle, Honeyman (West Adelaide); Marshall, B. Nyskohus, Perin, Kolecki, Kosmina, J. Nyskohus, Northcote, Fyfe (Adelaide City); Karmleitner (Beograd).

With interest in the World Cup series gathering momentum, Soccer Promotion proprietors Sam Miskelly and John Garside organised a soccer stand at the City-West local derby last Sunday selling the latest mascots and symbols. This will be repeated again this Sunday for the City-Canberra clash. The stand will be placed under the steps of the sports field grandstand.

These are my World Cup predictions: Qualifiers, Group 1, Italy, Argentina. Group 2, West Germany, Poland. Group 3, Brazil, Sweden. Group 4, Iran, Scotland. Grand final, Italy v Brazil and Italy for the cup!

Soccer World is proud to announce that starting this week, assisted by the South Australian Soccer Federation, we will bring you weekly a greater coverage on the State Rothmans League. Because of the World Cup in Argentina, from now until mid-July, space is limited, but we'll promise to extend our service soon after. However, all Rothmans League clubs are invited to ring 337-9113 any Thursday between 7-9 pm if you have any news item that could be of interest. Also, advertising space

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League teams. The other team to qualify was Woodville Beograd beating Eastern District Azzurri 2-1. The draw for the four SA teams left in the competition is: West Adelaide v Adelaide City at Hindmarsh Stadium and Woodville Beograd away to Essendon Croatia (Vic) at a future date. All second round matches must be played in the month of June.

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ROTHMANS STATE LEAGUE

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

Elizabeth City v Beograd Woodville
Enfield Victoria v E.D. Azzurri
USC Lion v Cumberland United
Coatia v Para Hills
Noarlunga Utd v Polonia Adelaide

Ramsay Park
Rushworth Reserve
Hindmarsh Stadium
Hanson Reserve
Wilf Taylor Reserve

SECOND DIVISION

Salisbury United v West Fields
South Adelaide v Don Largs
Windsor Athletic v Modbury TK
Orange Sturt v Birkalla Rovers
Campbelltown Budapest v Port Adelaide

Adams Oval
John Harth Reserve
Shutter Reserve
Mortlock Park Reserve
Newton Sp Gr

THIRD DIVISION

Adelaide University v Noarlunga City
Flinders University v West Adelaide
SAIT v Brighton City

University Oval
Flinders
Levels Fields

ROWLEY-BARKER-UPTON CUP

Adelaide City v West Torrens

Olympic Sports Field

NEXT WEEK, JUNE 10

FIRST DIVISION

Polonia Adelaide v Beograd Woodville
Para Hills v Noarlunga United
Cumberland United v Croatia
E.D. Azzurri v USC Lion
Elizabeth City v Enfield Victoria

Adelaide City v West Torrens

SECOND DIVISION

Port Adelaide v West Fields
Birkalla Rovers v Campbelltown
Modbury v Orange Sturt
Don Largs v Windsor
Salisbury United v South Adelaide

Adelaide City v West Torrens

THIRD DIVISION

West Adelaide v SAIT
Noarlunga City v Adelaide City
West Torrens v Adelaide University

Adelaide City v Brighton City

CHALLENGE CUP

Brighton City v Flinders University

Adelaide City v Brighton City

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COMPUTER TIPS EUROPEAN FINAL

— From Andrew Dettre in Argentina —

West Germany and Poland are to meet in the final of the 1978 World Cup — well, that's what the computer says.

In Munich (where else?) they fed all the possible information (what else?) into a computer: recent results of teams, international experience, team spirit, fighting qualities, possible crowd sympathy, tactical maturity, etc — and the obedient little robot spat out the answers.

In fact, the computer worked out all the results of all the matches, except the final: there it must have got shy and stopped.

So, for what it's worth, we publish all the "results" of the Cup.

If nothing else, it will keep you amused while you compare these with the actual scores.

Group 1:	
Argentina v Hungary	5-2
Italy v France	1-0
Argentina v France	3-1
Italy v Hungary	2-0
Argentina v Italy	0-0
France v Hungary	3-2
1. Argentina	5pt. 8-3
2. Italy	5pt. 3-0
3. France	2pt. 5-6
4. Hungary	0pt. 5-9

Group 2:	
Germany v Poland	1-2
Tunisia v Mexico	2-1
Poland v Tunisia	5-0
Germany v Mexico	3-0
Mexico v Poland	1-3
Germany v Tunisia	4-0
1. Poland	6pt. 10-2
2. Germany	4pt. 9-2
3. Tunisia	2pt. 2-11
4. Mexico	0pt. 2-8

Group 3:	
Spain v Austria	1-1
Sweden v Brazil	2-1
Austria v Sweden	0-2
Brazil v Spain	1-0
Sweden v Spain	1-1
Brazil v Austria	2-0
1. Sweden	5pt. 5-2
2. Brazil	4pt. 4-2
3. Spain	2pt. 2-3
4. Austria	1pt. 1-5

Group 4:	
Scotland v Peru	3-1
Holland v Iran	4-0
Scotland v Iran	6-0
Holland v Peru	3-0
Peru v Iran	4-1
Holland v Scotland	2-1
1. Holland	6pt. 9-0
2. Scotland	4pt. 10-3
3. Peru	2pt. 5-7
4. Iran	0pt. 1-14

ROUND 2	
Group 1:	
Argentina v Germany	1-1
Sweden v Scotland	2-1
Argentina v Sweden	1-1
Germany v Sweden	2-1
Argentina v Scotland	2-0
Germany v Scotland	2-0
1. Germany	5pt. 5-2
2. Argentina	4pt. 4-2
3. Sweden	3pt. 4-4
4. Scotland	0pt. 1-6

Group 2:	
Poland v Italy	1-0
Brazil v Holland	2-2
Italy v Brazil	0-1
Poland v Holland	2-1
Italy v Holland	1-1
Poland v Brazil	0-0
1. Poland	5pt. 3-1
2. Brazil	4pt. 2-1
3. Holland	2pt. 4-5
4. Italy	1pt. 1-3

For third place:
Argentina v Brazil

Final:
Germany v Poland

CUP NEWS

Sweden has seven players in its squad who belong to foreign clubs: Hellstrom and Wendt (Kaiserslautern), Torstensson (Zurich), Linderth (Marseille), Borg (Braunschweig), Larsson (Schalke) and Maddsen (Uerdingen).

Two years ago only Hellstrom and Torstensson appeared of this seven in Germany.

Wendt is actually of German descent; both his parents were born there but migrated to Sweden just after the war.

He was given the choice to become a German or Swedish citizen and he opted for Sweden.

The Hotel Sierra, outside Rosario, is one of the most sought after refuges for World Cup teams; during the first round both Mexico and Tunisia will stay there.

Brazil and Holland have also made tentative bookings in the same hotel for the second round. Let's hope their calculations are right.

Austria arrived here with a large delegation; 22 players and 14 officials.

The officials include the Association secretary, manager, assistant manager, doctor, masseur, press officer, gear steward, cook and several vice-presidents.

It's interesting that technical director Max Merkel, who is known to be on bad terms with manager Helmut Senekowitsch, arrived here on May 23 to prepare the Austrians' headquarters but left four days later back to Vienna, claiming that it was never his intention to stay anyway.

Cruyff at the World Cup — well, not as a player, London ITV

has engaged the brilliant, recently retired Dutch superstar as one of their commentators.

The other one will be Brian Clough, the outspoken Nottingham manager.

Advertising isn't cheap in the World Cup stadiums — yet all available space has been sold.

A 10-metre board booked for all stadiums for all matches costs some \$800,000.

Obviously, there will be no advertising boards on the side of the ground under the cameras.

The Germans are staying at the golf club Fuerzas Aereas in the township of Ascochinga (meaning "dead dog"), a luxury resort some 60 km from the city of Cordoba.

This is the greatest distance any team will have to travel from its quarters to the stadiums.

The Dutch in Mendoza are 50 km from the stadium.

The "laziest" are the Swedes, Mexicans and Tunisians who are actually staying in hotels in the centre of cities.

Cool, moist, rainy — this is the far from happy weather forecast for the World Cup by the Servicio Meteorologica Nacional Argentino — in brief, the weather bureau.

Cordoba may be the warmest of the WC cities and Mar del Plata the coolest.

On opening day, for the match between Poland and West Germany, the temperature should be between 15 and 19.

However, for the final on June 25 this should cool to a chilly 7 degrees centigrade.

Goalkeepers last the longest — this is an old truth in soccer and once again proved right in the World Cup, too.

The oldest player on view will be Holland's 'keeper Jan Jongbloed, who will be 38 in November.

Italy's Dino Zoff was 36 last February but even West Germany's Sepp Maier is pushing 34.

All three, by the way, played in the 1974 finals, too.

Italy's manager has announced the team he would like to field in their match against France on June 2.

Zoff-Cuccureddu, Facchetti, Bellugi, Gentile-Benetti, Antognoni, Tardelli-Causio, Graziani, Bettiga.

Even Brazil's manager Claudio Coutinho is surprisingly unsecretive.

His "dream time" is: Leao-Ze Maria, Amaral, Oscar, Edinho-Cerezo, Batista, Zico, Rivelino-Gil, Reinaldo.

Gil's inclusion is the only real shock as most fans would have preferred to see Nunes or the busy Dirceu in his place.

However, Dirceu got himself into trouble by criticising Coutinho in a recent interview — and getting a fine.

So did Rivelino who in a friendly match, loudly protested against being replaced.

The Argentinian public expects near miracles from its favorite son, Roberto Alonso who was only recently added to the squad after the withdrawal of the injured Villa.

Alonso, a brilliant attacking midfielder, returned home to Argentina only six months ago after an unsuccessful and unhappy adventure in France where he tried to get established.

Since then he has shot to the top of the scoring sheets and has become the darling of the crowds.

WHO WILL BE THE SUPERSTAR '78?

Who will be the superstar of the 1978 World Cup, the new soccer God of the universe?

From Andrew Dettre in Argentina

Will another Pele or Beckenbauer emerge or will this be the series of the "team man", the unsung hero?

Quite a number of players are candidates for the "super" tag.

Argentinian observers tip their brilliant freeback Passarella for such an honor though strikers Kempes and Houseman could make it — if they get among the goals.

Brazil pin their hopes on Zico or the new ace, Cerezo; most people tend to feel that Rivelino, at 32, is over the hill or close to it.

The French Platini or Rocheteau and the Hungarians Nyilasi and Torocsik are all brilliant technicians — but to get to the top they'll need their teams to get into the final four.

Foreign pressmen rate Italy's Antognoni as a likely superstar — but the Italians themselves prefer to put their faith in Graziani, Tardelli or Bettiga.

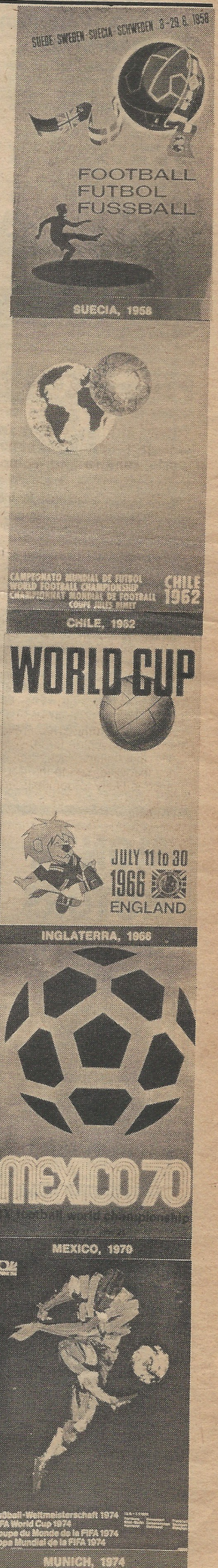
Sharpshooter Krankl of Austria and Daiglish of Scotland could rise to a new status — if they get those elusive goals.

Of the Dutch team, quite a few seem capable of stealing the

show; mainly Hensenbrink, Neeskens or the young Peters.

The Poles have Lubanski, Deyna, young star Boniek or the veteran Lato and Lubanski in near world class while the Germans hope for a sudden inspiration from Bonhof, Klaus Fischer or the baby of the team, Hans Mueller.

Great names, great players. But going on past World Cups, I'd say the superstar of the series — if there will be one — will come from the team that actually wins the odd shaped fruit bowl.



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It should be cup to remember

It's early days to make a final judgment on the World Cup in Argentina

Facilities provided for teams, Press and public are first class and even more luxurious than in Germany.

Uniformed multilingual staff are well trained and pleasant and the man on the street is friendly and bright. Argentina are keen to be good hosts and disprove scores of exaggerated press reports about conditions in the country.

There's certainly no sign of any tension in Buenos Aires

where one sees less police than in Sydney and no soldiers at all.

Of course the stadiums, team headquarters and Press centres are all guarded as they were in Germany but personally I'd rather have it this way.

The diminishing number of urban guerilla, Montoneros, actions is limited anyway to sporadic, isolated acts, and they have promised a complete truce for the World Cup period so that the World Press can stay and

see the repression and misery of the people.

I have seen neither so far and locals have nothing but praise for the military junta which has produced order and increasing prosperity from earlier chaos.

Buenos Aires itself is a stunningly beautiful modern city many times the size of Sydney with very European lifestyle, reminiscent of Paris but with much friendlier people.

Living standards for the ma-

jority are the highest in South America.

On the other hand prices are also lower and almost bargains compared to Germany.

Argentines have bought 90 per cent of available tickets to matches in various cities though prices by local standards are not cheap. But they are prepared to sacrifice one or two of their incredible mammoth steaks to satisfy their craving for soccer, the nation's No. 1 passion.

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Apart from its extensive coverage on television, the ABC will also broadcast World Cup reports from Argentina on radio.

These will be made by Andrew Dettre on ABC 1 in the capital cities and ABC 3 in country areas.

Midweek broadcasts will be about 6.30pm (Sydney time) and during the weekend on Saturday afternoon during the sports program.

FIRST ROUND PREVIEW

On the eve of the World Cup kick-off ratings of teams change by the hour measured according to a super sensitive seismograph generated by reports, rumors and whispers.

Having put these together, let me say how chances look for the first day's matches:

Germany v Poland: With an attacking formation Germany could just win maybe 1-0 or 2-1. Dieter Muller has recovered from a knee injury and with Fischer looks a more formidable tandem than Polish counterpart.

Hungary v Argentina: Only extreme nervousness can prevent Argentina from winning and boosting their morale. Both teams like attacking football and neither can rely on their ordinary defence so this could be a goal fiesta — about 3-2 to Argentina.

France v Italy: The French have their best side for 20 years while the Italians lack, truly a great leader to decide the issue. France is likely to dominate and win 1-0.

Tunisia v Mexico: By reports Tunisia will be outclassed in the World Cup and the young Mexicans should win untroubled 2-0.

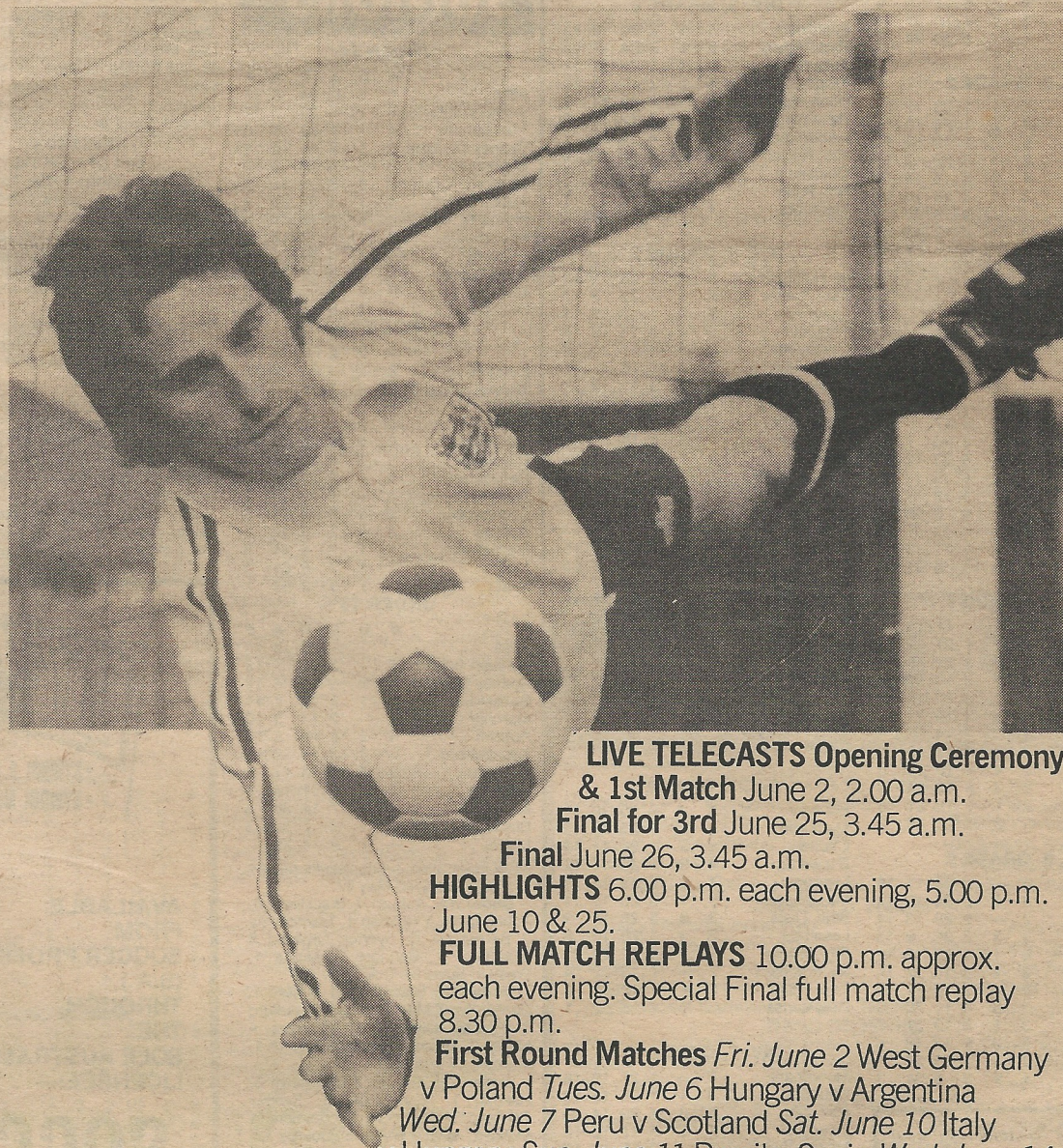
Spain v Austria: Popular sentiment will strongly assist the Spaniards while Austria flopped in Vienna against Holland. Spain is faster and physically stronger and should win 2-1.

Sweden v Brazil: Traditionally Brazil starts slowly in World Cups but this could be an exception close to home. Sweden on last known form against Germany could cause a surprise and draw 0-0.

Holland v Iran: To confirm their joint favouritism to the title Holland must win convincingly. Despite Iran's skill the Dutch are favored to romp home 3-0 or so.

Peru v Scotland: Super-optimist Scottish manager Ally McLeod still predicts a tartan World Cup. Peru has a pedestrian and old team and is unlikely to withstand Scottish charges. It's likely to end in 2-0 win.

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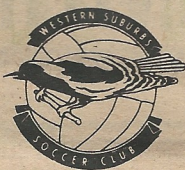
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DIV. 1, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croatia	10	—	2	28	6	20
Monaro	6	3	1	20	11	15
Melita	7	—	3	20	12	14
Sutherland	5	2	3	12	8	12
APIA	5	2	4	13	11	12
Auburn	5	1	4	24	11	11
Toongabbie	3	4	4	9	12	10
Manly	2	5	4	12	23	9
Mv Olympic	3	2	4	8	13	8
Yugal	3	1	4	12	15	7
Granville	2	3	5	9	14	7
Avala	3	1	6	10	16	7
Arncliffe	2	2	7	6	21	6
Bankstown	1	2	6	8	18	4

DIV. 1, GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	10	1	—	30	5	21
Croatia	9	1	2	28	11	19
Arncliffe	5	4	2	28	6	14
Sutherland	6	1	3	33	8	13
Granville	5	2	3	16	13	12
APIA	5	2	3	11	9	12
Melita	4	2	3	14	15	10
Auburn	4	1	5	21	14	9
Mv Olympic	3	3	3	14	16	9
Yugal	4	—	5	13	25	8
Toongabbie	2	3	6	15	24	7
Avala	3	—	8	14	27	6
Monaro	1	—	9	6	40	2
Bankstown	—	—	9	7	37	—

DIV. 1, GRADE 3

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sutherland	6	2	1	22	6	14
Manly	7	—	2	23	9	14
Granville	5	2	3	13	9	12
Arncliffe	4	3	3	16	14	11
Avala	5	1	5	17	16	11
Melita	5	—	4	10	12	10
APIA	4	1	4	14	11	9
Croatia	3	3	1	11	12	9
Toongabbie	3	3	4	16	18	9
Bankstown	3	1	5	10	15	7
Yugal	2	2	4	18	15	6
Auburn	1	1	7	5	15	3
Mv Olympic	—	1	7	3	18	1

DIV. 2, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Ku-ring-gai	9	1	—	34	7	19
Blacktown	7	2	2	27	11	16
Revesby	6	2	2	19	12	14
Polonia	4	6	—	15	10	14
Uni of NSW	6	1	4	26	15	13
Belmore	5	3	3	18	12	13
Warringah	3	2	6	16	17	8
Gladesville	2	4	4	16	24	8
Queens Park	3	1	7	18	32	7
NS-Inter	2	2	5	11	18	6
Marrickville	1	2	8	10	31	4
Guildford	1	—	8	10	28	2

DIV. 2, GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Uni of NSW	9	1	1	33	13	19
Belmore	8	2	1	25	10	18
Ku-ring-gai	6	2	1	19	12	14
Gladesville	5	—	5	22	13	10
Revesby	4	2	3	14	14	10
Marrickville	3	4	3	18	19	10
Polonia	3	3	4	19	20	9
Blacktown	3	3	3	12	13	9
NS-Inter	3	1	5	16	21	7
Guildford	1	2	6	9	19	4
Warringah	1	2	7	6	21	4
Queens Park	1	2	6	9	22	4

DIV. 2, GRADE 3

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Belmore	8	1	2	33	6	17
Warringah	7	3	1	20	6	17
Blacktown	7	3	—	19	6	17
Gladesville	6	2	2	17	9	14
Ku-ring-gai	6	1	2	20	7	13
Polonia	6	—	4	23	12	12
Revesby	3	2	4	19	13	8
Queens Park	2	1	5	12	14	5
NS-Inter	3	—	6	8	19	6
Uni of NSW	2	1	8	13	37	4
Guildford	2	1	6	11	19	3
Marrickville	—	—	16	5	31	—

DIV. 3, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Nepean	9	1	—	41	13	19
Bathurst	7	2	1	21	9	16
Bondi	5	2	3	21	15	12
Lethbridge	5	2	3	19	13	12
Yagoona	3	4	3	17	23	10
Pt. Hacking	3	3	3	19	23	9
Riverstone	2	5	3	14	18	9
Lane Cove	3	2	5	13	16	8
West Ryde	2	4	4	10	14	8
Gladesville	2	3	4	13	14	7
Dee Why	2	1	7	19	21	5
Wentley	—	3	7	7	35	3

DIV. 3, GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Gladesville	8	—	1	36	11	16
Yagoona	6	2	2	34	13	14
Pt. Hacking	7	—	2	29	13	14
Nepean	5	3	2	25	9	13
Lethbridge	5	1	4	23	16	11
Lane Cove	3	4	3	16	17	10
Dee Why	3	4	3	16	17	10
Bathurst	3	3	4	11	20	9
Bondi	3	1	6	19	27	7
Riverstone	2	2	6	13	42	6
West Ryde	2	1	7	15	26	5
Wentley	1	1	8	5	31	3

DIV. 3, GRADE 3

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bondi	8	1	1	34	19	17
Pt. Hacking	6	2	1	24	7	14
Nepean	6	1	3	21	11	13
Bathurst	6	—	4	24	16	12
Wentley	5	2	3	14	8	12
Gladesville	5	1	3	13	13	11
Dee Why	5	1	4	14	18	11
Lane Cove	3	3	4	12	12	9
Lethbridge	3	2	5	17	15	8
Yagoona	2	2	6	20	23	6
Riverstone	1	2	7	4	38	4
West Ryde	—	1	9	5	22	1

DIV. 4, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Baulkham H	6	3	—	23	7	15
Sydney Uni	7	1	1	21	9	15
Ashcroft	5	2	2	17	12	12
Campbelltown	4	3	2	18	14	11
Ryde Dist	3	4	2	18	12	10
Greenwich	4	2	2	12	10	10
Artarmon	4	1	4	21	12	9
Nth B'town	3	2	4	10	13	8
Hurstville	3	1	4	16	17	7
Padstow Pk	3	—	6	19	24	6
Fairfield K	1	1	6	7	16	3
Holroyd	—	—	9	5	32	—

DIV. 4, GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Baulkham H	8	1	—	29	7	17
Ashcroft	5	4	—	24	15	14
Padstow Pk	6	2	1	19	12	14
Campbelltown	4	3	2	19	14	11
Artarmon	3	4	2	16	15	10
Fairfield K	3	1	5	17	20	7
Ryde Dist	3	2	4	14	16	8
Hurstville	2	2	4	15	19	6
Holroyd	3	—	6	13	24	6
Greenwich	2	2	4	10	16	6
Nth Bankstown	1	4	4	11	17	6
Sydney Uni	—	1	7	10	23	1

DIV. 5, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bonnyrigg	7	—	—	27	10	14
Kingsford	5	2	1	22	9	12
Chelsea	5	1	2	16	11	11
Revesby Rov	5	—	3	21	13	10
Nth. Ryde	5	—	3	19	12	10
Paddington	3	3	2	17	15	9
Maroubra	3	1	5	16	17	5
Nth. Rocks	2	1	4	12	17	5
Eastwood	1	3	5	12	21	4
Auburn Jrs.	2	—	6	15	21	4
Haberfield	—	1	7	5	28	1

DIV. 5, GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Eastwood	6	1	2	20	12	13
Paddington	6	—	2	24	11	12
Auburn Jrs.	5	1	2	25	11	11
Kingsford	4	2	2	20	13	10
Bonnyrigg	4	1	2	19	14	9
Revesby Rov	4	—	4	12	18	8
Haberfield	3	1	4	14	20	7
Nth. Rocks	2	2	3	18	18	6
Chelsea	2	1	5	14	17	5
Nth. Ryde	1	5	5	16	27	5
Maroubra	1	—	8	11	32	2

DIV. 6, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
W. Holroyd	9	—	—	28	5	18
East Creek	8	1	—	36	9	17
Concordia	6	2	1	19	10	14
Prospect	2	4	3	14	18	8
Canley Hts.	3	2	4	17	26	8
Fairfield W.	3	1	3	18	12	7
Pagewood	3	1	3	11	9	7
Hawkesbury	3	1	4	11	17	7
Macq. Uni.	2	1	5	17	23	5
W. St. Geo	1	3	5	18	27	5
Camden	2	1	6	11	24	5
Green Valley	1	1	7	17	37	3

DIV. 6, GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Prospect	7	1	1	21	18	15
East Creek	6	2	1	27	11	14
Fairfield W.	6	—	1	24	7	12
Canley Hts.	5	1	3	16	17	11
W. St. Geo	4	2	4	16	14	10
W. Holroyd	4	1	4	13	12	9
Concordia	2	3	4	9	12	7
Camden	3	1	5	13	22	7
Macq. Uni.	3	—	5	16	11	6
Pagewood	3	—	4	12	17	6
Green Valley	2	—	7	13	25	4
Hawkesbury	—	1	7	7	20	1

DIV. 7, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Edensor	6	2	—	25	10	14
Maccabi	5	3	1	25	17	13
Chullora	5	2	1	28	11	12
B'town Sp.	4	3	1	28	17	11
Liverpool	4	3	2	23	14	11
Moorebank	5	1	3	25	18	11
Sthn. Dist.	3	3	3	25	18	9
Lakemba	3	3	3	20	18	9
Sth. Sydney	1	3	5	12	30	5
Mt. Pritchard	2	—	7	15	29	4
Emu Plains	2	—	7	12	30	4
Greystanes	—	1	7	6	32	1

DIV. 7, GRADE 2

Moorebank	8	—	1	27	12	16
Chullora	6	1	1	26	15	13
Maccabi	5	3	1	22	14	13
Liverpool	4	2	3	17	12	10
Mt. Pritchard	4	2	3	15	16	10
Sthn. Dists.	3	3	3	27	16	9
Edensor	4	1	3	24	14	9
B'town Sp.	4	—	4	20	20	8
Greystanes	2	3	3	16	12	7
Lakemba	3	1	5	17	16	7
Erna Plains	—	1	8	4	33	1
Sth. Sydney	—	1	8	4	40	1

STATE LEAGUE DETAILS

TOONGABBIE — AVALA 3-2 (1-2)

Toongabbie turned on a powerhouse performance in the second half to win a game that nearly never was. Referee Peter Rampley delayed the start of the match until the prescribed number of police were in attendance. The man of the match was undoubtedly Jimmy Izatt who tormented the Avala defence time and time again with his all-round skills. Added on to this was the fact that he scored two goals in which his opportunistic sense was displayed for all to see. His first goal came after a clearance from Avala keeper Gaiba was intercepted and Izatt was on hand to prod Gerlo's cross home. His second, and the match winner, in the second half came after substitute 'keeper Ahrens dropped a powerful freekick from Hormazabal and once again Izatt was on hand to score. Avala led 2-1 at half time, when

Patterson put away a penalty after Griffiths had scored six minutes before. De Vaile joined Izatt on the score sheet with the equaliser in the second period, and it was only bad luck that denied 'Gabbie a few more goals.

TOONGABBIE: Freeman, Taylor 5, Gerlo 4, Oldham 4, Parkhouse 4, Hormazabal 4, De Vaile 4 (Holloway: 85m), Pollard 3, Izatt 6, Ortega 3, Armytage 3.

AVALA: Gaiba 2 (Ahrens: 53m), Doran 3 (Bateman: 63m), S. Deiler 4, Barton 3, Gray 3, Kasumovic 3, Griffiths 4, Agili 3, Milovanovic 3, Patterson 4, Jancek 3.

Goals: 1-0 Izatt (14m), 1-1 Griffiths (34m), 1-2 Patterson (40m, pen), 2-2 De Vaile (50m), 3-2 Izatt (55m).

Referee: P. Rampley. **Crowd:** 475.

— DAVE CLARK

GRANVILLE — ARNCILFFE SCOTS 1-2 (1-1)

During the week Granville signed Jim Herron from Sydney Olympic and Paul Thomas from Toongabbie hoping to add scoring power to their line-up, but this did not prevent Scots from taking both points. Arncilffe were the better side and deserved the points, with by far the more dangerous attack. Neilson Brizuela was a constant menace to Granville and opened the scoring in the 32nd minute. John Muscovitis shot hard at goal and the Granville keeper couldn't hold the ball, allowing Brizuela to pounce and score from 8 metres. Granville equalised in the 37th minute when Herron was tripped in the box and Selfridge made no mistake from the spot. After the interval Arncilffe took full control and finally scored the winner after 53

minutes. Following a mix up in Granville's defence Muscovitis collected a loose ball some 30 metres out, raced through three tackles and then hit the ball past Hoare into the net for a fine match-winner.

GRANVILLE: Hoare 3, Selfridge 4, Bigland 3, Sands 3, Lackey 4, Barker 2, Johns 2 (Scamperie: 62m), Waldron 2 (Hayden: 45m), P. Thomas 3, Fraser 3, Herron 4.

ARNCILFFE: Cuneo 3, Piggott 3, Hall 3, Smart 3, Blackburn 4, Gilmore 3, Armstrong 2 (Hooper: 72m), Bankhead 4, Muscovitis 4, Brizuela 4, Harrington 2.

Goals: 0-1 Brizuela (32m), 1-1 Selfridge (37m, pen), 1-2 Muscovitis (53m). **Referee:** R. Sandell. **Crowd:** 385.

G.STREETER

APIA — BANKSTOWN 1-0 (1-0)

A 27th minute goal by John Doyle gave APIA two valuable points against relegation threatened Bankstown, and the score could easily have been many times that but for some fine keeping from Kerry Greedy, a certain amount of bad luck and a lot of woeful shooting from APIA's forwards. Those misses could cost APIA dearly, for it is doubtful if they will again this season get such a chance to increase their goal difference. Doyle three times, Butler, Griffith and Lindsay all missed open goals, with Butler heading onto the bar, and the others having shots saved or kicked, off the line. APIA's midfielder Ken Lindsay was easily

the best on the field, while Norrie Porter and Terry Butler were in fine form. Bankstown's recent acquisition, Greg Lynch, from Hakoah, had a fine second half and was one of their few players to shine.

APIA: McQuire 3, McGinn 3, Porter 4, McMillan 3, Puijen 3, **Lindsay** 5, Griffiths 4, Ruiz 3, Fryer 3, Doyle 3, Butler 4.

BANKSTOWN: Greedy 4, P. Thompson 4, Morrison 3, Brooks 3, Rootsey 3, Trusty 3, Lynch 4, Williams 3, Peck 3, Daley 3, Ingle 2 (M. Thompson: 70m).

Goal: 1-0 Doyle (27m). **Referee:** A. Boskovic. **Crowd:** 612.

— E. De MESQUITA

SUTHERLAND — MANLY 3-1 (1-0)

Sutherland completely outclassed Manly who found the home team too fast and skilful in every department. Only Cassetari escaped from the loss with his reputation intact, whilst the remainder of his team mates could only offer determination and fitness to counter Sutherland. Manly defended their goal grimly almost continually, being pushed back by attack after attack. Peter Beggs, undoubtedly man of the match, has finally found his best form, with skilful close control and neat distribution with which he fed his young strikers. Both Basterfield and Craig Hall scored brilliant goals which will long be remembered in

the Shire, whilst Beggs completed the rout with his first competition goal of the season.

SUTHERLAND: Craggs 3, Schumann 4, Wykes 3, Watkiss 2 (Tasker: 77m), Del Forno 3, Meades 3, **Beggs** 5, Smith 4, C. Hall 3, Basterfield 4, P. Hall 4.

MANLY: Cassetari 4, Dick 3, Stocks 3, McDougall 2 (Harper: 85m), Gosling 3, Geoghan 3, Rozenendaal 2, Mouttet 3 (Stewart: 55m), Banks 2, Geekie 2, Nawalu 3.

Goals: 1-0 Basterfield (18m), 2-0 Beggs (60m), 3-0 C. Hall (75m), 3-1 Dick (89m). **Referee:** B. Fowler. **Crowd:** 927.

R.DEWICK

CROATIA — AVALA 5-0 (4-0)

Croatia, looking like champions-elect, totally outplayed and outclassed lacklustre Avala. Their skilful forward line was allowed to run rampant due to Avala's virtually non-existent marking. Atti Abonyi once again was the mastermind, creating chance after chance, scoring one and setting up two. Four of the five goals came in a 25 minute spell in the first half, and from then on Croatia were content to cruise home to a well-deserved victory. Young Wally Savor scored a couple to emphasise his potential. Apart from Abonyi, Marian Kovacic and

Kevin Coleman were right on the ball continually for the winners.

CROATIA: Watson 4, R. Russell 4, Cagali 4, Mulien 4, Smith 4, J. Russell 4 (Leyden: 74m), Coleman 4, Savor 4, **Abonyi** 5 (Cootes: 77m), Kovacic 4, Sullivan 4.

AVALA: Ahrens 3, Doran 2, Barton 3, S. Deiler 4, Gray 2, Bateman 3, Jancek 4, Milovanovic 3 (Morrow: 46m), Krejza 2, Magill 2, Beater 2 (Griffiths: 54m).

Goals: 1-0 Kovacic (17m), 2-0 Savor (20m), 3-0 Coleman (33m), 4-0 Savor (40m), 5-0 Abonyi (65m). **Referee:** R. Lorenc. **Crowd:** 2480.

MV. OLYMPIC — AUBURN 1-0 (2-1)

Poor finishing and slishod defence were chiefly to blame for Olympic's failure to pick up at least a point. Auburn began well and scored an early goal when Stephenson latched onto Bruno Vidiac's through ball to smash it past El Zein from 5 metres. Olympic hit back and peppered Auburn's goal with numerous shots from **Saned**, Nezeritis and Williams. They were rewarded in the second half when Auburn failed to clear a loose ball and Ross Brown slotted home the equaliser from close in. However, Auburn were determined to have the last say, and with eight minutes

remaining Bruce Tilt scored the winner, latching onto Derek Sidey's cross to bang the ball into the roof of the net from 10 metres.

MV OLYMPIC: El Zein 4, Nezeritis 4, Sneidrick 3, Penman 3, Xipolitis 4, Thompson 4, Balafos 3, Williams 3, Brown 4, Katholos 4, Saned 3 (Karasyros 45m).

AUBURN: Griffin 4, Cornett 3, Far Fairclough 2, Bertram 3, Dobson 4, McDonald 4, Sidey 3, Vidiac 4 (Tru: 55m), Stephenson 4, Piggott 3, Tracey 3 (McGlynn: 80m).

Goals: 0-1 Stephenson (8m), 1-1 Brown (52m), 1-2 Tilt (82m). **Referee:** W. Pheips. **Crowd:** 350.

— D. MURTON

ZEROS ZOOMS OUT TO OLYMPIAKOS

Marrickville Olympic will go to Cromer Park on Sunday without Jim Zeros. The big midfielder has finally taken the step to try himself out in Greek football.

He has decided to call in on Olympiakos and Panathinaikos for trials. Last weekend saw Melita Eagles emerge as a real semi-final threat. This Sunday Croatia and APIA could provide the match of the round at Sydney Sports Ground on Sunday.

GRANVILLE v SUTHERLAND

No club is putting it together better than the Sutherland youngsters, who have the benefit of the experience of John Watkiss, Vic Dai Forno and Paul Smith to assist them.

Steve Meades, Jim Basterfield and Craig Hall have been particularly active in moving forward and, in fact, the eleven blend so well together that

— By Keith Gilmour —

it is difficult to tell which are backs, midfielders or forwards.

Under the Watkiss guidance Peter Beggs is looking more of a footballer than he did with Wollongong City, and it is going to take Granville a lot to stop them even though the Shire are not overblessed with scoring potential.

AUBURN v TOONGABBIE

Although Toongabbie is the smoother side of the two, they will find it difficult to come away from Mona Park with the points.

SYDNEY DRAWS

THIRD DIVISION

Saturday: Bathurst v Dee Why, Bathurst, Gladesville Ravens v Bondi Marines, Peel Pk; Pt Hacking v Lethbridge, Seymour Shaw Pk. **Sunday:** Nepean v Lane Cove, Cook Pk; Yagoona v West Ryde, O'Neil Pk; Riverstone v Wenty, Schofields Pk. **Monday:** Gladesville Ravens v Port Hacking, Peel Pk.

FOURTH DIVISION

Saturday: Greenwich v Baulkham Hills, Gore Creek; Ashcroft v North Bankstown, Stanwell Oval; Sydney University v Hurstville Zagreb, St John's Oval. **Sunday:** Campbelltown City v Holroyd Rangers, Rangers Rd; Ryde v Artarmon, Hall Pk; Fairfield Kiev v Padstow Park, Knight Pk. **Monday:** Greenwich v Hurstville Zagreb, Gore Creek.

FIFTH DIVISION

Saturday: Paddington Spanish v Auburn Jnrs, Soccer Centre; Kingsford v Chelsea, Turruwul Pk. **Sunday:** Haberfield v North Ryde, Beaman Pk; Bonnyrigg Eagles v Maroubra, St John's Pk; North Rocks v Revesby Rovers, Murray Farm Res. **Monday:** Bonnyrigg v North Rocks, St John's Pk.

SIXTH DIVISION

Saturday: Hawkesbury v Prospect County, North Richmond Ov. **Sunday:** Camden v Fairfield West, Ponderosa Pk; West St George v Macquarie University, Evalt Pk; West Holroyd v Eastern Creek, Pendle Hill Pk; Pagewood v Concordia, Jellicoe Pk; Canley Hts v Green Valley, Kings Pk. **Monday:** Fairfield West v Macquarie University, Parkes Res.

SEVENTH DIVISION

Saturday: Sydney Maccabi v Mt Pritchard, Christenson Pk; South Sydney v Chullora, Booralee Pk. **Sunday:** Liverpool v Emu Plains, Childs Pk; Southern Dist v Bankstown Sports, Hoxton Pk; Lakemba RSC v Edensor Pk, Perry Pk No 2; Greystanes v Moorebank, Bathurst St Pk. **Monday:** Greystanes v Bankstown Sports, Bathurst St Pk.

MONARO — CROATIA 0-2 (0-0)

MONARO: Palec 5, O'Maye 4, De Paoli 3, Cumming 3, Santolin 4, Mair 3 (Campbell: 54m), Lawier 4, Bourke 3, Giampaolo 3, Valeri 3, Morseilo 3.

CROATIA: Watson 4, B. Russell 3, Cagali 4, Mulien 3, Smith 3, J. Russell 4, Coleman 4, Savor 3, Abonyi 3, Kovacic 3, Sullivan 4. **Goals:** 0-1 Coleman (53m), 0-2 Sullivan (85m). **Referee:** D. McDermott. **Crowd:** 3500. **Cautions:** Abonyi, Santolin, Bourke.

Croatia took a giant step towards retaining their championship when they defeated one of their main rivals, the previously unbeaten Inter Monaro, before the largest crowd seen in Queanbeyan for many years. However, the Croatia win was far from convincing. The Sydney team needed a series of controversial events in the second half to gain the upper hand in the 50th minute a Cumming tackle on Savor seemed to be well outside the

area, but Mr McDermott pointed to the penalty spot to the astonishment of the partisan crowd. Abonyi's spot kick was brilliantly saved by Laurie Palec, but Monaro's joy was short lived when for some inexplicable reason the referee ordered the penalty re-taken. This time Peter Coleman took the kick and again Palec saved, but the ball ran loose, and Coleman banged it home. The goal shattered Monaro's morale and proved to be the turning point of the match. Up to that time there had been little between the teams, with Monaro showing more imagination in attack, and Croatia content to play the ball around. As the match wore on Monaro pushed more men upfield, and the inevitable happened, with Sullivan breaking onto a long through ball from Coleman to outpace his pursuers and give Palec little chance.

— J. CHIERA

MELITA — YUGAL 3-0 (2-0)

Ian McGovern was on target for two of Melita's three goals in their win over Yugal at Garside Park. The first goal came from the penalty spot in the 27th minute after McGovern himself had been fouled in the penalty area by Yugal defender Niti Nitya. Two minutes later he put in a second one from right in front. Melita had only the better in the first half, but afterwards they lost their own way except for the occasional counter attack. In the 61st minute Brian Parker made it certain when he scored from Colin McAusland's pass.

Yugal had Charlie Prgomelja sent off in the 77th minute. **MELITA:** Bracklow 4, Ververis 4, Mikas 4, Yamine 4, Huntley 4, Darvill 4, Parker 4 (Drossos: 77m), McAusland 4, **McGovern** 5, Farrugia 4, Jones 4.

YUGAL: Mandrides 4, Nitya 3, Radovac 3, Prgomelja (sent off 77m), 1, Cuk 3, Purac 4 (Travini: 75m), Trkulia, Mihailovic 3, Delaney 3.

Goals: 3 Bodas 3 (Novakovic: 75m), McGovern (29m), 3-0 Parker (77m). **Referee:** B. Wilkinson. **Crowd:** 2050.

— C. GIOTAKIS

NSW STATE LEAGUE

As well as having Mick Stephenson and Andy Tracey to finish off their movements, evergreen Willie Hamilton can also come forward to score.

On present form Toongabbie have no player to match the mastery work of John McDonald in midfield, so we tip Auburn to come out on top.

MANLY v

MARRICKVILLE

Marrickville Olympic have put together a tight defence, but the trouble has been that they have not scored enough.

Manly can be happy with the form of Roger Mouttet, and they are now approaching their peak.

Although Ross Brown has started to get amongst the goals Olympic have to overcome the loss of Jim Zeros, and this will call for a lot of sustained effort from their starlets, John Karasyros and Peter Katholos.

AVALA v MONARO

Avala will have to increase their confidence to former levels if they hope to cope with Monaro who, unfortunately, have suffered from the absence of key players.

At the moment the Avala players lack spark, perhaps resulting from the troubles that have upset the club in amongst their bulk of their loyal supporters.

Steve Deiler's business-like displays at the back are most acceptable, and if Alec Gray can return to his best form the team could put on a creditable display.

CROATIA v APIA

Mike Johnson has his big test in this match, whether he has his team ready for it or not.

APIA surely have the players who should stretch Croatia, but it would be expecting too much of them to tie up Atti Abonyi and collect a surprise victory.

The big point in Croatia's favor is the way that young Marian Kovacic is playing, and it seems that the time has now arrived that he can out together in senior company all the skills he has been developing over the years.

BANKSTOWN v YUGAL

If Neil Williams can lift Bankstown to success he will have repaid the club for signing him many times over.

Yugal could not handle Melita last week, but this should be a much more even encounter and it is not impossible that their flair could return.

This will be a clash of styles, with Yugal's the more eye-pleasing, but with Bankstown's defence fairly solid they might just come home in a very close game.

ARNCLIFFE v MELITA

Former Croatia players Vernon Darvill and Andy Huntley are two players who never know when to give up, and they have certainly added to the success of the Eagles.

On paper and probably on the field, Melita should show that they have too much power for the Scots, who will have to play tightly at the back to keep down the scoring.

This need has particularly come to the fore with the confidence that Ian McGovern is showing around the box, and last week the very skilled Brian Parker chipped in with a goal as well.



ROTHMANS STATE LEAGUE

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

STATE LEAGUE

Granville v Sutherland	.....Garside
Auburn v Toongabbie	.....Mona Park

Division 2

Queens Park v NS Inter	.....Erskinville
Warringah v Gladesville	.....Graham Reserve

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

STATE LEAGUE

Manly v Mv. Olympic	.....Cromer
Avala v Monaro	.....Mona Park
Croatia v APIA	.....Sportsground
Bankstown v Yugal	.....Soccer Centre
Arncilffe v Melita	.....Hurstville

Division 2

Marrickville v Blacktown	.....Mackey Park
Polonia v Belmore	.....Chopin Park
Guilford v Uni NSWGuilford Park

MONDAY, JUNE 5

STATE LEAGUE

Yugal v GranvilleGarside Park
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Division 2

Ku-ring-gai v RevesbyParklands
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NEXT WEEK

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

SECOND DIVISION

Revesby Workers v MarrickvilleMilperra Res
Queens Park v Blacktown Utd	.....Navy Sports Gd
NS Inter v Polonia	.....Nth Sydney Oval
Belmore v Warringah	.....Blick Oval

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

FIRST DIVISION

MV Olympic v Granville	.....Arlington
Sutherland v Arncilffe	.....Seymour Shaw
Toongabbie v Manly	.....Girraween Park
Inter Monaro v Auburn	.....Marco Polo Oval
APIA v Avala	.....Lambert Park
Yugal v Croatia	.....Concord Oval
Melita v Bankstown	.....Garside Park

SECOND DIVISION

Uni NSW v Ku-ring-gaiDavid Philips Field
Gladesville Hby v GuildfordPioneer Park





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CLOSE RESULTS IN CUP TIES

St. George Souths (Queensland) and Brisbane City are the only teams yet to play in the first round of the Philips Cup.

They meet at Perry Park at 8 pm on Wednesday, June 14.

The three games this Wednesday, May 31, are Marconi v Croatia Sydney at Marconi Oval 8 pm, South Melbourne v Footscray at Olympic Park 8 pm, and Southside Eagles v Easts Hakoah at Perry Park 8 pm.

After two early State League losses, Croatia have settled down to play some excellent football, and their clash with Marconi must draw a bumper attendance.

Thankfully, the tie will be played at 8 pm, a time that will have to be more regularly used in future rather than the dreaded 9 pm kick-off.

Coach Atli Abonyi, in facing up to his former master Raie Rasic's Marconi, can have no option but to play it safe in defence.

Both teams play it attractively, but it would not surprise if the careful Rasic brought Stewart Selva into the team to shut out that vital Abonyi magic.

Last week's matches produced two interesting clashes in Sydney.

John Watkiss' Sutherland side, with only Vic Dai Forno, Paul Smith and Watkiss himself having had long experience, did themselves proud whilst losing 0-2 to Western Suburbs.

Their work was particularly sharp throughout, but woeful shooting led to their undoing.

Wests went into the fray with a 15 man squad, twelve of whom were under 22 and which also included nine locals.

They had problems in that Rod Skellern, Ian Rowden and Barry Campbell were too inclined to relax in the second half for manager Mike Laing's comfort.

Striker Clive Eaton did a lot of positive running, and in spite of his lack of height he won everything in the air.

In the late game Auburn midfielders John McDonald and Willie Hamilton had a wide edge over Olympic's Alec Jamieson, but Billy Pirie's piercing runs made all the difference in Olympic's favor.

Auburn did reasonably well in a rugged fashion without ever producing the thoughtful ground passing that characterised Sutherland's display against Wests.

So far Philips League teams have taken the cake when they have met State League opposition, but APIA, Sutherland, Auburn and Weston did well but were, in the main, inferior in the goalscoring department.

Full first round results to date are: Brisbane Lions 7, Annerley 0; Sydney Olympic 2, Auburn 0; St. George 2, APIA-Leichhardt 1; Western Suburbs 2, Sutherland 0; Newcastle United 2, Weston 1; Canberra City 4, West Woden 0; George Cross 1, Juventus 0; Fitzroy United 6, Prahran 3; Essendon 2, White Eagles 0; Beograd Woodville 2, Eastern Dist's Azurri 1; West Adelaide 4, Ascot (WA) 1; Adelaide City 5, Norlunga 0.

Newcastle

From Myles Hay

An interesting visitor at recent Newcastle KB United matches has been Keith Honey, secretary of Southampton Football Club in England.

Holidaying in Newcastle for three months, he was full of admiration for the International Sports Centre, home of Newcastle United.

On his return to England, Southampton will be back in the first division after gaining promotion.

He recalled many facts about the arrangements to be made by a club for an appearance in the English Cup Final.

Slay Catalovski scored three goals in Newcastle KB United Youth team's 7-1 win over St. George Colts last Saturday.

The former Austral United forward, with more intensive training and aptitude could become a regular member of the United Philips League side.

A number of the Newcastle United players took part in the recent Under 19 Australian championships conducted in Brisbane including Peter Tredinick and Neal Endacott, both of whom have appeared in the PSL side.

Australians in action

ASF Chief Sir Arthur George and Secretary Brian Lefevre are like two tarantula spiders weaving a web to capture Australia's next national coach in Buenos Aires' Sheraton Hotel.

Sir Arthur admits this was the main reason for the trip hoping to meet candidates and receive recommendations.

He hopes to meet ex St. George Coach Frank Arok here and offer him the job while others on the shopping list include Joe Vengios and German Kreutzlein.

Sir Arthur says he can secure a sponsor to finance a top man up to \$40,000 yearly.

Yet another name in the Australian national coaching job stakes is Dettmar Cramer.

Cramer is believed to have intimated his interest in the job for about \$35,000—if the ASF is prepared to give this clear and pay the tax itself.

Cramer at present is with Eintracht Frankfurt, earning \$60,000 but is insecure in his job following the team's mediocre season.

He is in Argentina as a member of FIFA's technical committee.

Another famous German coach also here is Hennes Weisweiler, as special writer for the mass circulation Bild Zeitung.

Weisweiler's team, FC Koin, has just won the German title on goal difference from Monchengladbach.

I also met old friends Salvador Isaac and Roberto Campana both former Sydney players.

Isaac is now a successful wine



wholesaler and owner of a small supermarket. Campana is a timber salesman.

Campana was offered a coaching job by APIA and he's seriously considering returning to Australia.

His son Roberto, 16, is a highly promising junior with a local club.

Isaac has not changed since last seen 10 years ago — still a cheerful, friendly man.

News about other ex-Sydney Argentinians is not so good. Louis Gauto had a serious illness needing psychiatric treatment and Omar Coliasso's wife died.

Nobby Badaracco is here and well, but, Hugo Rodriguez, originally from Rosario has vanished.

— A. Dettre

SYDNEY YOUTH LEAGUE

St. George Dragons v Western Suburbs 2-1
Sydney Olympic v Western NSW 6-0
Newcastle v St. George Colts 7-1
Marconi Comets bye.

THIS WEEK

Newcastle v St. George Dragons, Int Spts Centre 121 (12.15 p.m., Sat.)
ES Hakoah v Marconi Raiders, Barton Pk (1 p.m., Sun.)
Western NSW v Western Suburbs, Orange Spts Ground (1 p.m. Sat.)
Olympic v Marconi Comets, Erskineville (1 p.m., Sun.)
St. George Colts bye



CLUB PATROL

Melita Eagles will hold a function for club members and supporters on June 17 at the Phenicians Club to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the formation of the club.

Polonia third grade side has an average age of only 16 years. Their potential is extremely great, says team coach Berto Luccetti.

Western Suburbs' first goal against Canberra City last Saturday week was scored by Clive Eaton Alan Fisher according to revised information. The Top Scorers table reflects the change.

Peter Wilson could be back in Wests' line-up within two weeks. He received attention at the Lewisham Hospital Sports Clinic, and has been strengthening his leg with special exercises in the club's own gymnasium.

Herc Karakostas did well in his first match for Sydney Olympic at Garside Park against Auburn, so it looks as if the club have two excellent keepers to call upon. For Gary Meier it was his first stand-down after 3½ years and 92 straight games.

Bill Stravopoulis will have his wife and children out with him from Greece — they arrive tomorrow (Friday). Olympic have strong hopes that he will stay with them for a year.

Joe Viasitis faces one of the biggest challenges in his illustrious career by taking over St. George BSC whilst they are in the unfamiliar position of bottom of the League. His first training run with the team last Friday reduced a 14 man squad to 12, two of whom were goalkeepers, when Zoran Durasic and Paul Kaye pulled up with injuries. Already out were Robert O'Shea, Mike Rendell, Emory Holmik and Peter Terry. "Uncle Joe" will concentrate on his post as NSW Director of Coaching as soon as the Saints make a permanent appointment.

Marconi coach Raie Rasic raised a few eyebrows last week when he moved Garry Byrne out of the midfield and brought back Ray Richards. Meanwhile Fabio Fabrianesi, the goalkeeper who rarely gets a game due to the consistency of Socceroo Alian Maher, is having to maintain his enthusiasm by appearing in practice games. His keenness is another factor in the wide margin that separates Marconi from the rest of the field.

Polonia has won a protest against Beimore and the teams' drawn game in third grade was given as a 1-0 to Polonia.

Polonia is awaiting the arrival of another Polish striker from first division club Arka Gdynia. He is Sigmiew Strzelecki who is packing his bags for Australia and should

Brisbane

Seems Dundee manager and coach, Gemmell and Wallace, were very impressed with Alan Marley, the Queensland striker. Some talk of an extended trial in the offing if Marley wants it.

Jim Hermiston now regaining the form that made him the best defender in Australia last season. His understanding with Socceroo Bennett is of great importance to our future national coach.

Lions highlighted the huge gap that exists between grades in Brisbane when effortlessly thrashing Annerley 7-0 in the Philips Cup. Annerley play in the next grade down, First Division. Scorers in the rout were Laslo 2, Fairbrother, Ontong, Amos, Spearrit, Morris.

Q'land State League

The possibility of a widespread in Queensland next season advanced a little further with the acceptance of Bundaberg's application on a provisional basis.

Already Ipswich and Townsville have satisfied the League's requirements.

Bundaberg have a thriving local competition, and a State League club would increase the incentive for the players.

For the record, and for those who enjoy an imaginative flair, Bundaberg's senior club is called Across The Waves!

arrive here within the next two weeks.

ANN CHILDS, wife of Revesby goalkeeper Graham Childs, gave birth to a baby girl last Friday. They will name the newcomer Rachelle. Our congratulations.

A coach without a club: PAUL FALZON, who was with Ryde District last year and for the start of this season, has left the club and is now on the lookout for a new club. Travelling was his big problem, for he lives in the eastern suburbs and had to travel all the way to Ryde for training sessions after work during the week. Last year Paul took both grades of Ryde to their respective Grand Finals, the best they had done since their brief union with Yugal as Ryde-Yugal. Paul can be contacted on 661-6891 at home.

Congratulations to Bankstown's right back PAUL THOMPSON who turned 21 last week.

Inter Monaro's friendly and enthusiastic PR man JOE CHERA was in Sydney last Saturday pushing through the registration of a new player. Monaro had just purchased GEORGE CAMPBELL from the ACT club Juventus, and wanted him

cleared for the game against Croatia. Campbell is 26, and plays mainly in midfield.

Not only does NSW boast the best PSL team, Marconi, and the best Under 19 team, but we also have the country's best university team as well. Last week, passing almost unnoticed under the shadow of the U19 competition, the Intervarsity competition, for the 10 Australian Unis, went ahead also in Brisbane. The University of NSW were victorious, defeating Wollongong Uni in the final by 1-0 after winning 2-0 against Queensland Uni in the semi final. The series was played with two groups of five, playing round robin style, then the top four advancing to the semi final stages.

The University of New South Wales, proud at having won the coveted Intervarsity competition against arch rivals Macquarie and Sydney Unis, were also delighted to hear that five of their players had been selected by JIMMY SHOULDER for the Australian University side. They were TONY HUGHES, LOU ANTONIELLI, PAUL BENECKE, IAN PENGELLY and RICK MCGINN. Rick is the "old man" of the side, being 31. He is one of the numerous mature age students that are admitted to the university system each year. Paul Benecke was

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awarded the "Best and Fairest" trophy by the referees who judged players throughout the week long tournament.

Monaro have lost the services of one of their VALERI BROTHERS, MAORO. Maoro was unhappy with not being able to hold a regular first team spot and so asked for a transfer last week he received an offer Narabunda Meirose, and ACT club, and so the big midfielder will be playing there for the rest of the season. WALTER VALERI, Monaro's talented State representative is still with the club and unlikely to move.

Bankstown, in an effort to add a bit of experience to their young team have re-signed a former player, DAVID PANSLEY. The average age of Bankstown this year is just over 21, and so David at 28, will be the "father figure" for his young team mates. David was with Bankstown some five years ago, but left for overseas, and played for a season in both England and New Zealand. Last year he was with Revesby Rovers.

Greeks are OK—others miss out

No doubt to the tune of a lot of cheering, the Greek National team is due in to Tullamarine Airport at 5.20 am next Thursday, June 8.

The Greek party flies to Adelaide on Monday, June 12, arriving at 10.30 am, and touches down at Sydney Airport at 6 pm on Thursday, June 15.

Australia so far has met Greece in four internationals, winning two, drawing one and losing one.

The last clash was in Athens in 1970, when Australia won 3-1.

The Adelaide match, to be played under floodlights at Hindmarsh Stadium on Wednesday, June 14, is an "A" international.

Melbourne (Olympic Park Sunday, June 11) and Sydney (Sydney Cricket Ground Sunday, June 18) are against Australian Elefens.

The squads were selected by retiring national coach Jimmy Shoulder with plenty of young talent in a bid to identify new talent for the 1982 World Cup campaign.

Great crowds are certain to greet the visitors wherever they go.

It is now nine years since Greece appeared in Australia, and on that tour a crowd of 27,000 saw their match against Australia at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

NO ENGLAND
Australia's only chance to see the England B team players will be at Sydney International Airport on Friday.

They are due in on Qantas flight QF 2 at 6.45 am on the way through

from Malaysia. They set off for Christchurch for the New Zealand leg of their tour by Air New Zealand flight TE 806 at 2.15 pm.

ASF vice-president Vic Tuthing will join the English party for a coach tour to Kurnell and a short reception at the Eastern Suburbs Hakoah Soccer Club at Bondi.

The media have been invited to join the party.

What might have been!

Amongst the many big names that the Kiwis will see but Australians will miss due to administrative ineptitude are Paul Mariner and David Geddis of FA Cup winners Ipswich, Dave Needham of champions Nottingham Forest, and David Fairclough of European Cup winners Liverpool.

This year possible tours by Derby County and Haiduk Spiit were called off by the clubs.

In addition, administrative fumbling means that the public have missed out on AC Milan Dundee in Sydney, and England B.

At least we have been left with the rebuilding Greek team!

1978 was always going to be the year of mainly domestic football in which the Philips Soccer League would be to the fore, with the establishment of the Cup on an Australia-wide basis as well.

But is it asking too much to expect that 1979 tours will be organised more smoothly?

If, as now promised, ASF vice-president Michael Weinstein can produce Gianni Rivera and AC Milan in 1979 then there will be some forgiveness in the hearts of the soccer public in general and Italo-Australians in particular.

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